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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.**

SPECIAL MEETING:

27 JUNE 2006

Pursuant to Council action at the June 18, 2006 City Council meeting, the emailing of required public notices, the posting of notices on the City Council Chamber door, Plaza Level Conference Room door and entrance to the Executive Offices, and notices on the City's web page and Channel 13 television, the City Council of the City of Greensboro met in a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Keith A. Holliday, presiding: Councilmembers Michael L. Barber, T. Dianne Bellamy-Small, Sandra G. Carmany, Florence F. Gatten, Sandra Anderson Groat, Yvonne J. Johnson, Thomas M. Phillips and Goldie F. Wells. Absent: None. Also present were: Mitchell E. Johnson, City Manager; Linda A. Miles, City Attorney; and Juanita F. Cooper, City Clerk.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Mayor explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

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At the Mayor's request, Councilmember Barber introduced, read into the minutes and moved adoption of the resolution congratulating the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team, winners of the 2006 National Hockey League Championship Trophy, the Stanley Cup. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carmany. After brief comments, the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Barber, Bellamy-Small, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Gatten, Groat, Holliday, Johnson, Phillips and Wells.

**128-06 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CAROLINA HURRICANES HOCKEY TEAM, WINNERS OF  
THE 2006 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY, THE STANLEY CUP**

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes, formerly known as the Whalers moved from Hartford, Connecticut to North Carolina nearly a decade ago, playing first in Greensboro and then Raleigh;

WHEREAS, the Stanley Cup was donated by Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston and Governor-General of Canada in 1893, for presentation to the amateur hockey champions of Canada;

WHEREAS, the National Hockey Association took possession of the Stanley Cup in 1910, and it is now the most prestigious and coveted trophy in all of professional sports;

WHEREAS, the Hurricanes defeated the Montreal Canadiens, the New Jersey Devils, the Buffalo Sabers, and the Edmonton Oilers in the 2006 NHL playoffs;

WHEREAS, the names of every player on the Carolina Hurricanes will be forever etched in hockey lore and most importantly on the Stanley Cup Trophy;

WHEREAS, the Stanley Cup is the first major professional league championship in North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City of Greensboro congratulates the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team, winners of the 2006 National Hockey League Championship Trophy, and will be forever grateful for the years of tireless effort the players and organization of the Carolina Hurricanes have devoted to bringing North Carolina its first professional team championship.

(Signed) Michael L. Barber

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The Mayor introduced an ordinance adopting the FY 2006-2007 Annual Operating Budget, establishing the property tax rate for FY 06-07; he advised this was the Second Reading for the ordinance that had received five affirmative votes at the June 20, 2006 Council meeting.

Councilmember Carmany moved adoption of the ordinance; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Bellamy-Small.

Some members of Council expressed their thoughts with regard to the budget and related issues; i.e., the current operation of the Police Department and its leadership, the timing for the hiring of additional police officers, and the quality of potential recruits at this time; the importance of the Fire Department personnel as first responders; the substantial amount of funding in the current budget that was committed to public safety; efforts to balance the budget that might negatively impact lower-income citizens; parking deck renovations, etc.

After further discussion, Councilmember Carmany's motion was DEFEATED on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Bellamy-Small, Carmany and Wells. Noes: Barber, Gatten, Groat, Holliday, Johnson, Phillips and Wells. (A copy of the ordinance as introduced and DEFEATED is filed in Exhibit Drawer P, Exhibit Number 25, and is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

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Councilmember Groat stated she was presenting an alternate ordinance adopting the FY 2006-2007 Annual Operating Budget keeping the tax rate at 4.75 as Council had originally discussed. Stating that in order to get to this and keep the Police, she advised that funding modifications and program delays would need to be implemented, some reserve funds would be used, and the changes would impact the 2007-2008 annual budget. Councilmember Groat moved adoption of the ordinance; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. (A memo outlining the recommended changes by Councilmember Groat is filed in Exhibit Drawer P, Exhibit Number 25, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

Members of Council offered comments about the overall budget process, their meetings with City Departments to enable Council to learn more about the departments and better understand the budget process, the opinion that additional non-essential programs might be cut to save taxpayer monies, the lack of revenues being received by the City, the fact that a vote in opposition to the proposed ordinance did not reflect lack of support of the Police Department but was in opposition to the tax increase, rationale for their support or non-support of the alternate budget ordinance offered for consideration; etc.

Council voted on the alternate budget offered by Councilmember Groat. After Councilmember Barber noted that he had not voted as he has intended, the Clerk was instructed to clear the Board. The ordinance was thereupon adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Bellamy-Small, Carmany, Groat, Holliday, Johnson and Wells. Noes: Barber, Gatten and Holliday.

#### 06-147 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2006-07 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Greensboro that for the purpose of financing expenditures of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, there is hereby appropriated from taxes and other revenue collectible the following funds for operation of City government and its activities for the Fiscal Year 2006-07 beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

*Section 1.* It is estimated that the following expenditures are necessary for current operating expenditures and debt service payments for the City of Greensboro for the Fiscal Year 2006-07, beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

#### **General Fund**

Current Operating Expense	206,489,087	
Transfer to Debt Service	<u>16,887,360</u>	\$223,376,447

<b><i>Street &amp; Sidewalk Revolving Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		721,924
<b><i>State Highway Allocation Fund (Powell Bill)</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		10,025,000
<b><i>Cemeteries Operating Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		727,692
<b><i>Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		3,801,725
<b><i>Municipal Service Districts Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		525,000
<b><i>Nussbaum Housing Partnership Revolving Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		2,511,820
<b><i>Guilford Metro 911</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		8,063,108
<b><i>Debt Service Fund</i></b>		
Debt Service		22,927,375
<b><i>Water Resources Enterprise Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense	62,634,355	
Debt Service	<u>17,186,166</u>	\$79,820,521
<b><i>Stormwater Management Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		8,596,692
<b><i>War Memorial Coliseum Complex Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		11,106,315
<b><i>Bryan Park Enterprise Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		287,416
<b><i>Parking Facilities Operating Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		3,331,897
<b><i>Solid Waste Management System Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		30,837,820
<b><i>Greensboro Transit Authority Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		15,122,590
<b><i>Equipment Services Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		16,208,342
<b><i>Technical Services Fund</i></b>		
Current Operating Expense		4,046,023
<b><i>Telecommunications Fund</i></b>		

Current Operating Expense	5,731,642
<b><i>Graphic Services Fund</i></b>	
Current Operating Expense	1,373,374
<b><i>Employee Insurance Fund</i></b>	
Current Operating Expense	30,104,087
<b><i>General Insurance Fund</i></b>	
Current Operating Expense	2,186,885
<b><i>Capital Leasing Fund</i></b>	
Current Operating Expense	<u>17,365,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$498,798,695
Less Total Transfers and Internal Charges	<u>112,785,704</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$386,012,991</b>

*Section 2.* It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 to meet the foregoing appropriations:

***General Fund***

Property Tax	\$124,823,100	
Sales Tax	39,107,500	
Franchise Tax	12,841,500	
State Collected Local Revenues	1,055,500	
ABC Store Revenue	2,713,100	
Privilege License	3,151,500	
All Other	32,842,037	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>6,842,210</u>	\$223,376,447

***Street & Sidewalk Revolving Fund***

Assessments/Other Revenue	175,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>546,924</u>	721,924

***State Highway Allocation Fund (Powell Bill)***

State Grant	7,000,000	
Other Revenue	360,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>2,665,000</u>	10,025,000

***Cemeteries Operating Fund***

Lot Sales	149,000	
Cemetery Services	225,000	
Other Sources	54,468	
Transfer from General Fund	<u>299,224</u>	727,692

***Hotel/Motel Occupancy Fund***

Other Revenue	760,000	
Hotel/Motel Tax	2,957,720	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>84,005</u>	3,801,725

***Municipal Service Districts Fund***

Property Taxes	464,000	
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Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>61,000</u>	525,000
<b><i>Nussbaum Housing Partnership Revolving Fund</i></b>		
Transfer from the General Fund	1,680,629	
Other Revenue	413,500	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>417,691</u>	2,511,820
<b><i>Guilford Metro 911</i></b>		
Transfer from Other Funds	4,355,613	
Other Revenue	3,229,198	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>478,2978,063,108</u>	
Debt Service Fund		
Other Revenue	5,045,000	
Transfer from the General Fund	16,887,360	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>995,015</u>	22,927,375
<b><i>Water Resources Enterprise Fund</i></b>		
Water & Sewer Charges	73,125,000	
Water Line Connections	550,000	
Assessments	175,000	
Other Revenue	3,029,700	
Capacity Use Fees	1,400,000	
Industrial Waste Control	200,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>1,340,821</u>	79,820,521
<b><i>Stormwater Management Fund</i></b>		
Stormwater Utility Fees	8,535,938	
Other Revenue	<u>60,754</u>	8,596,692
<b><i>War Memorial Coliseum Complex Fund</i></b>		
Concessions	1,004,500	
Admissions and Charges	2,479,145	
Transfer from General Fund	2,000,000	
Other Revenue	<u>5,622,670</u>	11,106,315
<b><i>Bryan Park Enterprise Fund</i></b>		
Transfer from General Fund	239,635	
Other Revenue	<u>47,781</u>	287,416
<b><i>Parking Facilities Operating Fund</i></b>		
Parking Fees	1,799,840	
Transfer From General Fund	1,452,157	
Other Revenue	<u>79,900</u>	3,331,897
<b><i>Solid Waste Management System</i></b>		
Solid Waste Disposal Fees	5,578,392	
Transfer from General Fund	13,000,000	
Collection Fees	4,704,498	
Other Revenue	1,166,900	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>6,388,030</u>	30,837,820
<b><i>Greensboro Area Transit Authority Fund</i></b>		
Property Taxes	7,495,000	
State and Federal Grants	3,111,650	

Transportation Fares	1,803,580	
Duke Power Contribution	1,338,495	
Other Revenue	<u>1,373,865</u>	15,122,590
Equipment Services Fund		
Automotive Services	15,250,000	
Other Revenue	529,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>429,342</u>	16,208,342
<b>Technical Services Fund</b>		
Radio Charges	1,957,500	
Other Revenue	1,204,295	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>884,228</u>	4,046,023
<b>Telecommunications Fund</b>		
Telephone Services	1,120,000	
Other Revenue	4,569,625	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>42,017</u>	5,731,642
<b>Graphic Services Fund</b>		
Printing Services	<u>1,373,374</u>	1,373,374
<b>Employee Insurance Fund</b>		
Premiums	28,495,907	
Transfer from General Fund	14,400	
Other Revenue	341,400	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>1,252,380</u>	30,104,087
<b>General Insurance Fund</b>		
Premiums	1,920,385	
Other Revenue	<u>266,500</u>	2,186,885
<b>Capital Leasing Fund</b>		
Internal Charges	8,770,000	
Capital Lease	8,500,000	
Other Revenue	<u>95,000</u>	<u>17,365,000</u>
<b>Total</b>		\$498,798,695
Less Total Transfers and Internal Charges		<u>(112,785,704)</u>
<b>Net Total</b>		<b>\$386,012,991</b>

*Section 3.* There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of taxable real property and taxable tangible personal property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2006, for the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Property Tax, as set forth in the foregoing estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the foregoing appropriations:

- a) For the payment of general operating expenses and capital expenditures of the City including the payment of principal and interest of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Greensboro .5800
- b) For the payment of general operating expenses and capital expenditures associated with the improvement of transit operations within the City of Greensboro .0350

**Total**

**.6150**

Such rates of tax are based on an estimated total appraised valuation of property for purposes of taxation of \$21,745,000,000 and an estimated rate of collection of ninety-eight percent (98.0%).

*Section 4.* There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of taxable real property and taxable tangible personal property in the following municipal service districts, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2006, for the purposes as set forth in the Municipal Service Districts as authorized by City Council:

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| a) College Hill Historic District for improvements as stated in the Special Historic District Plan                                 | .05 |
| b) Charles B. Aycock Historic District for improvements as stated in the Special Historic District Plan                            | .05 |
| c) Business Improvement District for improvements as stated in the Downtown Greensboro Business Improvement District Business Plan | .09 |

Such rates of tax are based on the estimated total appraised valuations in each Municipal Service District and an estimated rate of collection of ninety-eight percent (98.0%).

*Section 5.* Appropriations hereinabove authorized and made for the purpose other than necessary governmental functions are hereby made from revenue collectible from miscellaneous revenues and sources other than taxes. Appropriations authorized for Cultural Contributions and Chamber of Commerce Contributions are hereby made from revenues collectible from sources other than taxes.

*Section 6.* Appropriations hereinabove authorized and made for water and sewer operating fund, water and sewer current operating expense and debt service, are made from revenue collectible for the operation of the combined water and sewer systems and miscellaneous revenue.

*Section 7.* Appropriations hereinabove authorized and made shall have the amounts of the outstanding purchase orders and unearned portion of contracts at June 30, 2006 (rounded to the nearest five dollars) added to each appropriation as it applies in order to properly account for the payment against the fiscal year in which it is paid.

*Section 8.* Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget and Evaluation Director, Finance Director and the City Clerk within five days after adoption to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of City funds.

*Section 9.* This ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of July 1, 2006.

(Signed) Sandra Anderson Groat

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Councilmember Bellamy-Small moved that the City Council adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:20 A.M.

KEITH A. HOLLIDAY  
MAYOR

JUANITA F. COOPER  
CITY CLERK

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